

# ONE SMALL GROUP

## ACTS 13:1-3

*How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)*

***FIVE DIVERSIFIED MEN***—They had different spiritual gifts. Some were prophets and some were teachers. They were diversified in race and upbringing. Saul was taught by Gamaliel, and Manaen was a foster brother of the Herod who had John the Baptist beheaded. (Acts 13:1, fn 13:1, Galatians 3:26-29, fn 3:28[2<sup>nd</sup>], Romans 15:1-7, fn 15:5-7, Colossians 3:11, fn 3:11, Psalms 133:1-3, fn 133:1-3) *How is your group diverse but yet united in the Lord?*

***ONE FOCUSED FAITH***—Worship and prayer are usually more focused in times of fasting. “Fasting is always a mark of deep spiritual concern indicating that a person is willing to set aside the normal demands of life in order to concentrate for a time on what God wants.” Kent Hughes, *Acts*, p. 175. (Acts 13:2, Matthew 6:16-18, fn 6:16, Matthew 7:7-11, fn 7:7, 8, Ephesians 5:10, Luke 18:1, fn 18:1, Philippians 3:7-14, fn 3:12-14) *What could your purpose be in fasting?*

***ONE GIANT STEP***—For Paul’s first missionary journey, the Holy Spirit set the direction. The laying on of hands by the church was the expression of support and identification with Barnabas and Saul. Kent Hughes, *Acts*, p. 175. (Acts 13:3, fn 13:2, 3[1<sup>st</sup>], fn 13:2, 3[2<sup>nd</sup>], Acts 6:5, 6, fn 6:6, I Timothy 4:14, fn 4:14, John 20:21, fn 20:21, Romans 10:14, 15, fn 10:14, 15) *How could your group work as a “team” in supporting each person’s ministry?*

*Pray for one another’s needs.*

*Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?*